

# NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule



# Goals of the Proposed Rule

This rule will help EPA and states clean up the nation's waters, by:

- Bringing the NPDES Program into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by shifting from paper to electronic reporting. Proposed rule establishes no new reporting requirements.
- Saving money and time for the regulated community and for states (reduce data entry time, improve accuracy).
- Improving transparency
- Using technology to obtain more accurate, timely, and complete information about the NPDES program.

- In general, many of the comments received support the Rule:
  - The public, environment, and NPDES program will benefit from electronic reporting and EPA needs to set clear expectations and guidelines.
  - EPA needs to closely work with all stakeholders to properly implement this rulemaking.
  - EPA needs to provide states and regulated entities with additional flexibility to implement this rule as this is one of the largest changes in the NPDES program in decades.
  - Providing more flexibility will secure the overall goal of moving the NPDES program into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

# NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule Schedule

	Scheduled Date
Supplemental Notice Public Comment Period Starts (60 Days)	12/1/2014
Supplemental Notice Public Comment Period End	1/30/2015
Finish Final Agency Review	5/29/2015
Obtain Official OMB Concurrence to Publish	8/11/2015
Signing by Administrator	9/3/2015
Final Rule Published in Federal Register	10/1/2015
Effective Date of Final Rule (60 days after publication in FR)	11/30/2015

Existing NPDES Program Reporting		40 CFR
Data from NPDES Permittees	Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) – Phase 1	122.41(l)(4)(i)
	General Permit Reports (NOI, NOT, NECs, LEWs) – Phase 1 (Fed) & Phase 2 (State)	122
	Biosolids Annual Program Reports – Phase 1 (recommended) OR Phase 2 (proposed)	503
	CAFO Annual Program Reports – Phase 2	122.42(e)(4)
	MS4 Program Reports – Phase 2	122.34(g)(3), 122.42(c)
	Pretreatment Program Annual Reports – Phase 2	403.12(i)
	Industrial User Compliance Reports in Municipalities Without Approved Pretreatment Programs – Phase 2	403.12(e) & (h)
	Sewer Overflow Event Reports (CSOs, SSOs, Bypass events) – Phase 2	122.41(l)(6), (7), (m)
	CWA 316(b) Annual Reports (Cooling Water Intakes) – Phase 2	CWA Section 316(b)

Proposed Rule: Proposed schedule:

- Phase I: One year after final rule effective date
- Phase 2:
  - Option 1: Up to Two years after final rule effective date
  - Option 2: Up to Three years after final rule effective date
  - Option 3: Up to Five years after final rule effective date